

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of ASHLEY DeFOREST,  
VERONICA McCORMICK, LONNIE  
McCORMICK, JR., NAOMI OWEN, and ADAM  
OWEN, JR., Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

UNPUBLISHED  
January 25, 2005

v

LONNIE ALLEN McCORMICK,  
  
Respondent-Appellant,

No. 257365  
Kalamazoo Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 01-000286-NA

and

CILENA McCORMICK and ROBERT SEHY,  
  
Respondents.

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Before: Hoekstra, P.J., and Cavanagh and Borrello, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination was established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that respondent-appellant did not support the children while he was imprisoned. He had no relationship at all with his three youngest children. While he was incarcerated, respondent-appellant did not support the children and did not correspond in any manner with the three youngest children except to send them a gift at Christmastime through the Salvation Army. Although his relationship with his biological daughter, Veronica, was closer in that he corresponded with her while in prison and visited with her while he was out on parole, respondent-appellant's actions towards her were sporadic and inconsistent. The evidence indicates that he did not provide support for her while he was in prison.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was no bond at all between the three youngest children and respondent-appellant. Although Veronica stated that she loved her father, there was no other evidence that termination was not in Veronica's best interests. Respondent-appellant has a lengthy criminal history and a history of drug abuse. His plans for the future were tenuous. All of the children need permanence and stability.

Affirmed.

/s/ Joel P. Hoekstra

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ Stephen L. Borrello